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SUBJ: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS
AT OVERSEAS POSTS

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHYSICAL
SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHANCERY, COMMERCIAL/
GENERAL SERVICES SECTIONS ANNEX AND USIS.

A. PROPERTY - CHANCERY, GOVERNMENT OWNED; COMMERCIAL/
GENERAL SERVICES SECTION ANNEX, LEASE CONTRACT
SERIAL NUMBER S 100 FBO 016, TERM 9/15/74 - 9/14/76,
FIVE (5) ONE (1) YEAR RENEWALS UNTIL 9/14/81; USIS
LEASE CONTRACT, SERIAL NUMBER S 100 FBO 1A 18, TERM
4/1/75 - 3/31/77, EIGHT (8) ONE (1) YEAR RENEWALS UNTIL
3/31/85.

B. PHYSICAL SECURITY BARRIERS

1. CHANCERY

(A) RAISE NORTHEAST COMPOUND PERIMETER FENCE TO
THREE (3) METER HT., \$1,370 RAISE SOUTHEAST
COMPOUND PERIMETER FENCE TO THREE (3) METER HT.,
\$1,726, DETERENT PURPOSE - IMPEDENCE OF MOBS OR
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OTHER NEFARIOUS INDIVIDUALS.

(B) INSTALL WIRE MESH SCREEN ON ALL BASEMENT WINDOWS SEVEN (7) \$520, DETERENT PURPOSE -- PREVENT ITEMS SUCH AS FIRE BOMBS, ETC. FROM BEING THROWN OR PUSHED THROUGH THE WINDOW GLASS.

(C) COVER BASEMENT AND ROOF STAIRWELL DOORS WITH SHEET METAL, INSTALLING METAL DOOR FRAME, \$440, DETERENT PURPOSE - STRENGTHEN DOORS TO IMPEDE ACCESS VIA THE BASEMENT OR ROOF BY DEMONSTRATORS, ETC. TOTAL COST \$4,056.

POST IS INTERESTED IN INSTALLING BULLET RESISTANT MATERIAL (LEXAN) ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR, 45 SQ. FT.;
2. STAIRWELL WINDOWS, 138 SQ.FT;
3. A BARRIER IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHANCERY ALSO CONSTRUCTED OF BULLET RESISTANT MATERIAL (LEXAN) INCLUDING A RECEPTION WINDOW (TELLER TYPE) AND DOOR, 90 SQ. FT.

WE HAVE NOT, RPT NOT, RECEIVED THE COMPREHENSIVE CIRCULAR AIRGRAM MENTIONED IN STATE 238488, RPT 238488. THEREFORE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMPUTING ESTIMATED COST FOR MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION FOR ABOVE PROPOSALS BASED ON AREA FIGURES GIVEN AND ADDING RESULT TO ESTIMATED COSTS WE ARE PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPOSALS.

2. COMMERCIAL/GENERAL SERVICES SECTIONS ANNEX
(A) RAISE STREET ENTRANCE IRON GATE BY 1 M, INSTALL IRON FENCE 2 M HT. X 2.80 M LT. IN OPENING ADJACENT TO FRONT GATE, \$246, DETERENT PURPOSE-IMPEDENCE OF PERSONS DURING RIOT OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

(B) INSTALL IRON GRILL IN ONE (1) WINDOW OPENING, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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\$83, DETERENT PURPOSE - PREVENT ACCESS INTO OFFICE SPACE (ALL OTHER WINDOWS ARE GRILLED).

(3) INSTALL GRILLS ON THE SIX (6) AIR CONDITIONING UNITS (ACU) \$198, DETERENT PURPOSE - PREVENT ACCESS INTO OFFICE SPACES VIA ACU OPENINGS.

(D) INSTALL WIRE MESH SCREEN ON FIFTEEN WINDOWS

\$768, DETERENT PURPOSE - PREVENT ITEMS SUCH AS FIREBOMBS, ETC., FROM BEING THROWN OR PUSHED THROUGH THE WINDOW GLASS.

(3) COVER REAR ENTRANCE DOOR WITH METAL SHEET AND INSTALL METAL DOOR FRAME, \$110, DETERENT PURPOSE - STRENGTHEN DOOR TO IMPEDE ACCESS BY DEMONSTRATORS, ETC.

(F) BRICKUP SECOND REAR ENTRANCE DOOR, \$85, DETERENT PURPOSE - REDUCE TO ONE ENTRANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATORS, ETC., GAINING ACCESS VIA A DOOR OPENING.

(G) INSTALL FIVE (5) LIGHT POLES WITH DOUBLE FLOOD LAMPS IN REAR AREA, \$480, DETERENT PURPOSE - ILLUMINATION OF REAR AREA TO DETER AND DETECT THE PRESENCE OF INTRUDERS.

TOTAL COST \$1,970.

(3) USIS CENTER (CENTER IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION)

(A) (A) INSTALL IRON GRILLS ON TWENTY (20) WINDOWS AND FIVE (5) AIR CONDITIONING UNIT OPENINGS, \$3,288, DETERENT PURPOSE - PREVENT ACCESS INTO THE BUILDING VIA THESE OPENINGS.

(B). INSTALL WIRE MESH SCREEN ON TWENTY-SEVEN (27) WINDOWS, \$877, DETERENT PURPOSE - PREVENT ITEMS SUCH AS FIRE BOMBS, ETC, FROM BEING THROWN OR PUSHED THROUGH WINDOW GLASS.
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(C) CONSTRUCT GUARD/RECEPTIONIST CONTROL BOOTH, UNDERNEATH STREET ACCESS STAIRWELL, OF REINFORCED CONCRETE, WITH VISITOR PACKAGE/PERSONAL BELONGINGS DEPOSIT SPACES BUILT IN, \$575, DETERENT PURPOSE - PREVENT PERSONS FROM INTRODUCING BOMBS, ETC. INTO THE CENTER THAT MAY BE CONCEALED IN PACKAGES AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

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D. COVER WITH METAL SHEET AND INSTALL METAL DOOR FRAMES ON THREE (3) DOOR OPENINGS BETWEEN THE LIBRARY/ CLASSROOM AREA AND THE OFFICE SPACES, \$660, DETERENT PURPOSE - PREVENT PERSONS IN LIBRARY/CLASSROOM AREA FROM GAINING ACCESS TO OFFICE SPACE, I.E. IN A TERRORIST ATTACK, DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

(E) INSTALL PROTECTIVE LIGHTING (TEN (10) POLES) IN GARDEN AREA SURROUNDING THE TWO (2) OPEN SIDES OF THE BUILDING , \$960, DETERENT PURPOSE - ILLUMINATION OF THE EXTERIOR AREA OF THE CENTER TO DETER AND DETECT THE PRESENCE OF INTRUDERS.

(F) RAISE FRONT FENCE TO THREE (3) M HT., \$465, INSTALL IRON GATE IN PERIMETER STREET ENTRENCE WAY TO CENTER COMPOUND, \$685, INSTALL IRON GATE IN REAR PERIMETER STREET ENTRANCEWAY, \$246, TOP REAR PERIMETER WALL WITH BROKEN GLASS AND INSTALL FIVE (5) STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE (THREE (3) VERTICAL AND TWO (2) OBLIQUE), \$330, DETERENT PURPOSE - IMPEDENCE OF PERSONS ATTEMPTING ACCESS TO THE COMPOUND DURING DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC. AND AFTERHOURS CONTROL. TOTAL COST \$8,086.

C. WINDOW PROTECTION

POST IS INTERESTED IN THE INSTALLATION OF SHATTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESISTANT MATERIAL (MYLAR) ON THE WINDOW GLASS AREAS

OF THE COMMERCIAL/GSO ANNEX, CONSULAR SECTION ANNEX THE RESIDENCE, AND USIS CENTER. THE INTENDED DETERENT PURPOSE IS, OF COURSE, THE PREVENTION OF FLYING GLASS SHARDS IN THE EVENT OF A BOMB BLAST. 3M MIDDLE EAST, LOCATED IN BEIRUT, HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO DAMASCUS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW TO MAKE AN ESTIMATE OF THE COSTS INVOLVED IN INSTALLING THEIR MATERIAL AT THE ABOVE LOCATIONS. AS SOON AS THE 3M REPRESENTATIVE IS ABLE TO TRAVEL TO DAMASCUS AND THE ESTIMATE IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL. OUR OWN ESTIMATE IS \$6,000. FUNDS HAVE BEEN OBLIGATED TO COVER THE CHANCERY WINDOWS.

D. LOCAL GUARD FORCES

THE PRESENT LOCAL GUARD FORCE COMPLEMENT IS ADEQUATE.

E. MARINE SECURITY GUARDS

THE PRESENT MARINE SECURITY GUARD COMPLEMENT OF ONE (1) NCOIC AND SIX (6) WATCHSTANDERS IS ADEQUATE.

F. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

1. CHANCERY - AN OMNI-SPECTRA MICROWAVE SYSTEM TO INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE LOCAL GUARD DETECTING A SURREPTITIOUS INTRUDER ENTERING THE COMPOUND.

G. LOBBY CONTROLS AND EQUIPMENT

1. POST DOES NOT DESIRE A PERMANENTLY INSTALLED TEAR GAS SYSTEM.

2. THE PRESENT MARINE GUARD DESK WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO ACCOMMODATE ALARMS AND MONITORING SYSTEMS.

3. POST IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN A METAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DETECTION SYSTEM FOR THE LOBBY TO DETECT PERSONS CARRYING FIREARMS. DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY, POST CONSIDERS THE USE OF THE AIRPORT TYPE WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR IMPRACTICAL. POST WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY ON A SYSTEM THAT COULD BE CUSTOM DESIGNED FOR OUR SMALL ENTRANCE SO AS TO BE AS UNOBTRUSIVE AS POSSIBLE.

4. INTERCOM SYSTEM INSTALLED AT FRONT ENTRANCE,
DETERENT PURPOSE - TO ENABLE THE MARINE GUARD TO
CONVERSE WITH PERSONS WITHOUT HAVING TO OPEN
THE FRONT DOOR.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY ON HAND IS CONSIDERED
TO BE ADEQUATE FOR OUR NEEDS AT THIS TIME.

NOTE: ALL COST FIGURES ARE LOCAL CONTRACTOR ESTIMATES.
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